## COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

**Chairman:** Mr. Steve C. Davis

A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Tuesday May 11, 2010, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:31 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Acting Chairman Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Mr. Joshua Gruber, Assistant County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8 was excused.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "In the Chairman Steve Davis' absence, I'd like to call the Committee on Justice and Public Safety to order. The first thing on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting. Pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Are there any discussions or any corrections to these minutes? (No response) All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No response) Minutes carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "First on the agenda, we've got Ms. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court, reference parking at the courthouse complex. Ms. Brown? Yes madam, take your time."

**A. Ms. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court,** Re: Parking at the Courthouse Complex.

Ms. Brown: "I know I didn't do a crime, so I know I don't go to jail. My name is Mary Brown and I'm Clerk of Court for Berkeley County and I'm here to ask, we have a parking problem and I'm just going to read something, but, Annette Harmon, which you all know, my Chief Deputy is going to hand ya'll out a packet. I'm not asking for a miracle tonight or you know, but to start studying or seeking a solution to the parking problem that is going on at the courthouse. Thank ya'll for that extra holiday. I'm going to go ahead and start ok? I'm appearing before you to address the current lack of adequate parking at the Court House, Detention Center and surrounding county facilities. This was a concern that had been brought to the attention of previous administrations as far back as 1991. To the date, it has yet to be resolved and is a growing problem that has reached critical point that can no longer continue and not be addressed. Just to let you know the serious parking problems we encounter on a daily basis, I would like to provide you with the following statistics. When the Detention Center is completed, we will have a total of 279 parking places. Ok, these are the different departments that are in the courthouse, not counting the detention employees. The Clerk of Court, Family Court, Solicitor's office, PTI, which is Pre-Trial Intervention, Master In Equity and their staff, Family Court judges, I have two. I have two Family Court reporters, two Family Court secretaries. Circuit Court judges, I have two of them. I have Circuit Court secretaries, two. Circuit Court judges have law clerks. We have the Coroner's office and I'm not sure of the number of Deputy Coroners and things. We have Court security which is offices. We have the transport officers. We have reserve officers. We have Probation and Parole department and then we also have visiting judges and they bring their law clerk, not their secretary. The Guardian Ad Litem is not located in the courthouse, but is located in what they call the old detectives office which is the white building adjacent to the jail. It's a white building, stand alone. And then we have the Sheriff's Forensic department with three employees there. We have Probate Judge and their staff. And then we have IT employees, like a computer room. There are 135 employees just located in the courthouse and courthouse annex. Now, that does not include your detention center. Presently, there are 36 employees working at the detention center and my understanding is that when they fully open, they need 35 more which would bring it to 71, which is parking places ok? So that would have 71 employees. The addition to the detention center upon completion will have the capacity to house 300, and I think that is an error, its 377 inmates, and I apologize. As of last Thursday, that morning when Lieutenant Riley did count, we had 373 inmates that are already being housed. And I know you say, why are you worried the inmates? Well you have family, attorneys, preachers, people visiting, parking spaces ok? So, it's not that, I think, Chief Henerey, it's a lot of people visiting. They do the Bond Hearings there and which also requires... Approximate number of people that frequent the courthouse does not include the number of family members that I'm even mentioning that go to the detention center ok? I'm doing what goes...what comes in the courthouse. We have at least two to three Circuit Court terms a month that requires 80 - 100 jurors per court term to be present. No, they don't ride together, cause they don't know whose on jury duty and you know, I mean they might be neighbors, but they get there and they go 'Oh, I didn't know you were on jury duty'. A court is held at least once a month, we have what we call double term of Circuit Court. That means we have Common Pleas, which is your civil term, your lawsuits and so forth and we have Criminal. At that time, we have to have at least 110 jurors because they work out of one jury pool. Court is held weekly, every day. A minimum of two Family Courts run daily. We have five different courts may be in session at the same time and your got your jurors, your attorneys, your public

defenders, solicitors, witnesses, victims, you got family members from both sides and so forth. A jury panel room is also utilized for a court room and we have arbitration hearings and Summary Court trials in there. So we also...the Summary Court trial is where the attorney agrees for another attorney to hear it with six jurors. You might be a little bit familiar. Arbitration is something with insurance company. You appoint three attorneys. So, besides the Court we are having, we have....you know, it's court ordered, I mean it's not that I said 'Hey, come this way', you know, it's not like that. Two hundred and fifty to three hundred people show up for what they call Probation Roll Call, once a month. And those are the ones that have violated probation and what they call, they gonna decide whether they gonna revocation, make you serve two years of your five years or your three years. So they do a roll call. Then they turn around and they also after the roll call, then they have a court date. It's like 90 probation that people out on probation, it could be parole, that have violated, Mr. Calloway, you are familiar working in the prison, said they have violated their probation or their parole, so they are going to bring every family member. It's a little off record, but on Charleston, they have on Friday and they have bomb threats every Friday and it's a joke that they don't what to go back to jail so they seem to always have bomb threats in Charleston on Friday. The Grand Jury is held monthly and consists of an average of 65 people. You have 18 Grand Jurors, but you have about 45 different agencies to represent witnesses that you have to provide parking to come to testify before the Grand Jury whether they gonna indict them. We have what we call Child Support Enforcement Day. If you don't pay your child support which we don't have...they don't give us enough court time to rule everybody in, but it's at least 160 people, because you've got the payor, payee, if they have an attorney and the employer begging you not to put them in jail. You know, they bring everyone they can, trying to either put them in jail, begging or just you know, save them out of jail. A hundred....then we have what we call Administrative Rules and they are on two separate days a month, which are conducted by one of my employees, the Child Support Enforcement and DSS attorney and they also bring family members, which when I say family members, I'm trying to express parking. We also have Child Support Enforcement come up there and they do the paternity tests, and then see if they can work out an agreement with you to pay your child support without having to go to court and if you agree, they sign and then the judge signs off on it. But it is a madhouse. On Common Pleas, the first day of Common Pleas, we do what we call a docket sounding. It is approximately 50 attorneys cause they have paralegals. You've got your Court Security, you know. About 50 people are in the court room which they've had to park somewhere. On the first day of Common Pleas and that's the docket sounding. On the first day of Common Pleas court, because you got your jurors that came in and they are not sure which case you got, you know, you got 140 or so people. And then we usually try to get it down to about 60 people, but you know, they bring their paralegals, you know, you got your Bailiff staff, court security, what they call Juvenile Roll Call. And they do a Juvenile....we do them in the hallways because we have no courtrooms and they have both parents come and they do a roll call to see if they have the address right, are you represented by an attorney? And it's about 200 on those days and that's once a month. And then on Juvenile Day, which is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when General Sessions is not...we don't hold Juvenile Court cause the lawyers are over there. We have approximately 400 or so people. Now, you got to remember, they are not there all the time at one time. They do space it out per hour. So, I'm not trying to say, 400 are there at one time. Nine, ten, eleven, but it runs over and they park at the Subway. They park, I mean, I constantly have to get their tickets taken care of

because there is nowhere to park and the jurors are scared being held in contempt and I don't blame them."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "That was going to be my question, if I can just interrupt one second, that was going to be my question on the overflow, how are ya'll being able to handle that?"

Ms. Brown: "They park in the road, which is a fire hazard. Chief Caldwell has been more than gracious. They know our problem and when that St. John's school is not, that private school, is not in session, they will open the gate for us and let us go on the side, but when they started the jail, we used to could park people in the back, what they call overflow. But when they started the jail, we lost 47 parking places because of the remodeling of the jail. Well, I didn't think about the construction workers driving a car also ok? You know, they get there probably 6 am or whatever. But......"

Committee Member Call: "Mary, if I may ask...did you not have a recent trial where you had to have the people park at a shopping center or somewhere and bus them to the courthouse?"

Ms. Brown: "With the death penalty and I've got the Jessie Sapp pending and I will have to do the same. They parked everywhere and I mean, they park in the people's yards and I don't blame the people for complaining but, what do you do when you are supposed to be in court? And like I said, in 1991, when we built, went to the courthouse, they said they would address but in the meantime it changed administrations and somehow or another we have been....you can look at statistics. I mean we are just growing. We're not one of the ones that dropped in business. Foreclosures, the Master In Equity's workload, which all comes through us. Domestic Abuse, the size of Domestic Abuse, once they usually come for domestic abuse, then they file for divorce and then everybody sort of suing everybody for every little thing. And I gave you statistics to show you that... how our workload has increased. I think my fees are increased, except for fines, and I have no control what a judge does for a fine. And then, on the first day of General Sessions, that courtroom will hold up to....what we call the big courtroom, approximately 250 people. That's putting chairs, and so forth, around because they make them come back. You have to come back three times when you are on...be arrested with a crime. First, they call First Appearance, Second Appearance and Third. That's through the Solicitor's office and I have nothing to do with it. But, they have to have a place to do it."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mary, about how many days out of the month are you having a problem with overflow?"

Ms. Brown: "Huh?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "How often during the month do you have a problem? How many days out of the month?"

Ms. Brown: "Annette Harmon would tell you every day. The only time we don't have it is when there is a judges' seminar, you know. But usually Family Court is not the same time of the Circuit Judge. The worst problem is the jurors and the Roll Calls, but that is a courthouse, which is where they are supposed to on the Bond papers, says to report too. I mean it's, I mean there is nowhere else, I mean I can't tell them not to let them come for Roll Call. I worry about the Fire Marshall. And it is important for them to have Roll Call. I'm not going to tell you that I don't sort of question them, but they said 'We need to know that Mary Brown is living at this address. She hasn't moved. If she has an attorney? Does she qualify for a public defender?' It is valuable even though, you know, it's just overcrowding. I mean, I know if the Fire Marshall came, they would shut us down. But, you know, the Roll Call days probably are the worst time because they all come at one time. And when the jurors come. The other cases are spaced out."

Committee Member Callanan: "Mary, I would assume that if we were probably to build this facility today..."

Ms. Brown: "I don't even know what to tell you to do."

Committee Member Callanan: "or the Detention Center today, we would probably be in violation of our own zoning ordinance with regards to parking requirements. Do we know if that's even...if I'm accurate on that? Is doesn't seem to make any sense."

Ms. Brown: "Well, that square footage is three parking places per thing, but you can't go by square footage of our courthouse because of the number...it's a public facility. I contacted Eric. I think his name is Green, I'm not sure. Eric from here, the zoning..."

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Eric Greenway"

Ms. Brown: "I know you want to see it. And he referred me to Lane. I call him Lance, but to make sure I'm telling it.....Lane West, I think is his name..."

Committee Member Callanan: "Oh, it's because it's in Moncks Corner."

Ms. Brown: "I went and met with him and we contacted South Carolina Department of Transportation for statistics, number of cars and stuff and it would just amaze you. I'm not going to read the complaint letter that a lady wrote me, blistering me because she had to park at the Subway and they do. They park at the Scotchman and the handicapped facility. When they built the courthouse, they put handicapped parking right in front of the new courthouse with a ramp, nice. We didn't know. Apparently on the contract, you cannot have handicapped parking on an open state street. And they made us take it down. The handicapped parking is all the way in front of the jail. I can't put the handicapped parking out, put it in the back, but there are stairs in both places. I mean, weather, I mean people on crutches, I mean it's a problem. And the Masonic Lodge has handicapped parking and they don't bother them. Whether that is because it is private, I don't know. I don't fuss because I'm so glad it's got one. The only remedy I've had since 1991, is I pay \$2,500 a year to the Masonic Hall for 18 parking spaces, which is a tremendous amount of money when you think about it. The deal was sorta cut and taken.....I

mean, I'm not complaining because we need parking. I didn't know that I had to pay for it, but, you know, they cut a deal and then I pay for it, and I'm gonna tell you, I'd die without that 18 spaces, because we are just so desperate. I've tried to negotiate with the Masonic Hall for the other side, if you have ever been up there, there's grass and stuff and they got some poles up there that they said because of a Masonic line to dinner, they need that parking. But, I'm not gonna tell you that people don't park, you know things. It's a problem. That's the only remedy I had. I'm not going to bother to read the complaint letter and then I attached statistics of just ours. I didn't go get all the other departments. On the South Carolina Department of Highway statistics, which is a little hard to believe, it is on your last page. On an average day, and we've got these statistics in the last two weeks, when you travel from 17-A, and I call it Live Oak ok? Annette has had to keep me on track when I say Live Oak. There is an average of 3,900 average vehicles that turn off of 17-A to California Avenue. You have got to remember the courthouse is on California but it just runs across. I mean it's California Street and then Broughton Road and then it's still California, like we are 300 ft...California, the white building. 3,900 cars go to the jail. They did an average, the Department of Transportation, a day. On the vehicles that travel from Broughton Road, you know when you come down by the Scotchman come...I call it, you know, you turn at the red light by the port station, whatever it is, Sunoco or whatever it is, and you turn on Broughton on Sunoco, I mean, you know at the Sub Station ok? That goes to the jail, that average was 3,875 cars, vehicles. The vehicles from Pine Street, which is the jail. We are sorta all there together, but the jail is considered Pine Street, but you know, the average on that is 478 vehicles per day. I have a serious problem. I don't know the solution, but every day we have a tremendous problem and I don't know what to do, but we are at the end of our rope with this parking and our workload is increasing so it's not like any hope in the future."

Committee Member Fish: "Mr. Chairman?"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Yes sir"

Committee Member Fish: "Ms. Brown, how many courtrooms do you have in our old facility?"

Ms. Brown: "That old facility...."

Committee Member Fish: "How many courtrooms are in that building?"

Ms. Brown: "In the old courthouse?"

Committee Member Fish: "In our old Administration building where the Sheriff's office is?"

Ms. Brown: "I have no idea, your honor."

Committee Member Fish: "Is that courtroom used?"

Ms. Brown: "We don't use those. We have five courtrooms on California."

Committee Member Fish: "I understand what you are saying. I mean I understand you are one department, but it seems to me that if we've got space in the old Administration building, it's a beautiful courtroom. I don't know how many is over there. Isn't that underutilizing the court space plus they got parking space there. Is that one of the potential courtrooms?"

Ms. Brown: "I don't think for like the 12 jurors but I don't like to get them....Mr. Fish, you could ask, but I wasn't gonna ask."

Mr. Gruber: "Mr. Fish, that is where the Magistrates court offices are located. There is three separate courtrooms there and that is where they conduct all of their activities at."

Committee Member Fish: "I understand that. I mean, there is always an issue with courtroom availability and parking. The courtrooms, the parking is the result of the courtrooms. You know, we spent a lot of money remodeling our old building over there for the Magistrates and the Sheriff's office. I don't know what the use of that is. I would hope we would take a look and see how many times a day those courtrooms are used and maybe some of these, I don't know which ones you talk about. You spend a lot of time talking about the Probation hearing or where you call that Roll Call. Is that something that can be handled in that building? I mean, I'm just asking the question...Because being at the courthouse, there is not a whole lot of places...we are going to have to buy the buildings across the street...it's just a question."

Ms. Brown: "I've never toured the...except gone for training, so I couldn't tell you what is over there, but I don't see why Probation hearings could not be held over there."

Committee Member Fish: "Is that something you can check on or whoever is responsible to check it?"

Ms. Brown: "I think that would be in Council. I think I would get chopped on pretty bad because they were in such crowded space, you know. You are the boss, not me. I'm not being sarcastic. I don't even know. I've never seen but one courtroom and that was when a magistrate was sworn in. I've never....I don't even know their space thing."

Committee Member Fish: "You are making a request to us. Who do we direct a question to say can we research the use of courtrooms and parking spaces? Is that your deal, Mr. Davis?"

Supervisor D. Davis: "Well, that would be between the magistrates, I think, between Mary and Ava."

Ms. Brown: "They just finally got space. They would chew me out because they used to hold prelims over there. I mean, if you tell me, I will and be happy to, but you know, they would just..."

Committee Member Fish: "Well, you are asking to spend a lot of money, I guess you are saying we are going to bow out of it and let them do their own deal? What is our responsibility?"

Supervisor D. Davis: "I think our responsibility is to provide parking spaces for the courthouse. We know, we know that there is a need for parking spaces, you know when the Sheriff's department vacated the Courthouse Complex, they used a lot of parking spaces and so now they are at Live Oak. We were in hopes that the spaces that they vacated would make up for the loss. It obviously hasn't worked that way."

Ms. Brown: "I think everyone thought they were, but most of the deputies went on the road and so....it might have been like eleven administrators so really I only received eleven more things, but however, you know, they started construction. Chip, I don't want to put you on the spot, but Chip came and helped me get the company to move because we had jurors.... St. John's school has really helped in the summer. It's just when they are in.....I mean they will open the gate and let them park and I mean, I need to rent probably a golf cart too because they park way down by the ball field of the school. They park at the Scotchman and they park at the Subway."

Committee Member Callanan: "Mr. Chairman?"

Supervisor D. Davis: "I think......"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "You are still up Mr. Callanan."

Supervisor D. Davis: "Well, I just wanted to say, I think that when the construction is over at the Detention Center and we get all the spaces opened up that we are going to have, I think we will have a better feel for it, but I think it is pretty well understood that we are going to need some additional parking there, course we cannot have enough parking to accommodate and I don't think it would be wise to invest in land or buildings enough to accommodate a murder trial, you know. Those are, you know, once every three year events, so you know, we need to...once all the dust settles, I think we need to get in there and decide what the number of parking spaces we need for the majority of the time and then we either need to acquire land or we need to start thinking about a parking garage on the land that we have. But we have had those discussions for a couple of years now."

Ms. Brown: "For the death penalty, you are absolutely right, because we have to draw 400 jurors and you know, it wouldn't pay...you know bus in the 200 and some jurors, I have to buy them box lunch, but we buy \$5 box lunch, you know what I'm saying. No, I'm not asking for parking for death penalty, I mean that's a different, you know, thing. It's just we have juries coming in...but even if the juries not coming in, I mean, it's just every day we get about, Annette gets the calls and I'm gonna be honest, once a week for probably a year and a half, she has told me 'please, do something'. But, you know, I know money's tight, the economy's been bad and you know, I just didn't know what to do, but I did promise her I would start working on it."

Committee Member Callanan: "Mr. Chairman?"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Yes sir"

Committee Member Callanan: "Just one question. If you can find this out for me, I'd appreciate it. Of the list of potential users of the parking space, if you could find out how many of those, if you take your maximum day are employees who are going to be there essentially every day and how many of them are visitors to the jail, attorneys, people who have a trial, because there would be no, I mean there is no law against for those particular folks, providing fee parking, right?"

Ms. Brown: "No, I'm not asking for free parking, just....."

Committee Member Callanan: "No, fee parking. There is nothing to prevent us from providing fee parking for those individuals. Naturally, not our employees, not the jurors and folks like that but you know, I would hope that if we were going to incur the expense of...."

Ms. Brown: "A lot of counties do charge, you know.."

Committee Member Callanan: "But that, to determine how many spaces we need for the folks that we are not going to charge for parking, that's what I want to know and then we can we can do a feasibility study on fee parking. I think that would be a possibility."

Ms. Brown: "I'm going to ask the Department of Transportation if they can put, I call it the counter, maybe somewhere near the parking, but they park in the road and you can click on the front because the four of us might have rode together, you know what I'm saying?"

Committee Member Callanan: "I just want an estimate. It doesn't have to be precise. It doesn't have to be scientific. That's fine."

Ms. Brown: "I mean, I hate placing the burden, you know and Mr. Fish, I wasn't trying to be ugly, but they were in such cramped quarters for so long, till I, you know..."

Committee Member Fish: "One thing, I would just come back and say 'Who is going to take responsibility?" You have a problem, we've got space. We've got different departments. Who is going to step up and take the responsibility to resolve this and take a look at some alternatives...."

Ms. Brown: "I'll be glad to look at it. I have no problem. When they were in problems, they used the our facilities. I juggled it around and you know...I just don't know how big their...but I mean, I need to look and see what they have."

Committee Member Fish: "Ok, thank you."

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Ok, Ms. Brown, we really appreciate the information that you have presented to us here tonight and like you said, it's been an ongoing problem so we are aware of it. It's just that we need to come collectively together to come up with a resolution and hopefully we can do that and as the supervisor says, once some of the dust settles, I'm quite sure that we can do that."

Ms. Brown: "Yes, cause, you know, there has never been a study done or anything, you know, but I, Annette, I did promise. I think she's.....the town police is about ready to shoot her."

Committee Member Call: "Mr. Chairman?"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, Mr. Call"

Committee Member Call: "This is a, I hate to say 'I told you so', but this is a chicken that come home to roost after about 20 years and when we built that courthouse, we were already tight on parking."

Ms. Brown: "They had discussed purchasing property behind the courthouse."

Committee Member Call: "Yes, and we also discussed getting some property maybe out on 52 and having a Law Enforcement Center with a Sheriff's Department and a jail."

Ms. Brown: "You are correct. That was where it was supposed to go."

Committee Member Call: "What was a very reasonable argument is the security issue between the jail and the courthouse would be more difficult to have to transport prisoners from maybe a couple of miles away over to the courthouse and that is a problem. Not just the logistics but the security, you know, the dangerous people that they transport sometime. But we are already in trouble before we ever even put that last addition on the jail, which was opened in 1994. So, there was no land for sale around there....."

Ms. Brown: "There would have had to been a combination..."

Committee Member Call: "Well, what about the land behind the courthouse?"

Ms. Brown: "That is the Katy Windham...it's in four people....the family died. Ms. Witter died. They had talked 20 years ago about condemning the property..."

Committee Member Call: "I thought so....."

Ms. Brown: "But you are right, because Warrants is now...on all Domestic Abuse, you have to hand deliver a domestic court order, restraining order and it has to go to be signed by the department like the Sheriff's so every day we have to make sure that those orders...and we just

had an FBI audit to make sure that they were able to know who...they really are, you know, really cracking down on the domestic abuse."

Committee Member Call: "What I'm trying to get around to is would it not be just a prohibitive expense to build a parking garage that would accommodate this number of vehicles, rather than condemn some property around there for parking lots..."

Ms. Brown: "That's been hashed...discussed several times....."

Committee Member Call: "William Peagler would move his office somewhere and go on....we could probably use that entire block in front of the courthouse all the way to Main Street if we could get it."

Ms. Brown: "The courts is really a growth, I mean, you know, I don't see that it's going to get any lighter..."

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "You are right, here again, you know we don't want to over beat the horse, but yet still, we cannot resolve here tonight, but we do appreciate the information and if we could those of you that are the powers to be to come together and come up with a short term solution and a long solution then we can move forward, but right now we are just surmising as to what is the best thing to do and I don't know that we actually stick a pin in it at this time so, unless somebody has any other burning questions or comments..."

Supervisor D. Davis: "Mr. Chairman, if I could just mention one other thing. If you recall we had the Community Facilities Plan conducted about two years ago to plan out the future for all of our needs and this was one of the segments that was included in that. You remember that we are.....the plans are to move all of the folks from the old hospital building where the Health Department is located right now and then that building will be converted to a Judicial Center, a Judicial Annex and that will also relieve it....there is a good bit of parking there and so the folks that will move from the courthouse complex as it exists now will be located there, so Mr. Call, you made an interesting point about building a parking garage. Yes, before we would build a parking garage, we would hope that we would put that money in the old Health Department, renovate that, move those folks. That will generate a lot of additional parking. Again, it won't serve the needs in the event of a murder trial but will generate a good bit of additional parking. So, but those are all things that need to be taken into consideration when we do the Feasibility Study."

Ms. Brown: "I'm not sure of that, but I'm not going to argue with you. You know, I'm saying, and Ms. Harmon just reminded me, Mr. Fish. We did the Case Management training over in the Live Oak, what I call the Live Oak facility and she said the courtroom is for six jurors, but we will go and look at it, cause we have 12 to 14 jurors, but we will look at the facility ok?"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Ok, thank you"

Ms. Brown: "And I didn't expect a solution tonight ok? Thank ya'll"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Thank you, Ms. Brown. Next on the agenda we have Ms. Roxanne Willey, Deputy Director of the 911 Communications in reference to additional funding for purchase of the CAD upgrade."

**B. Ms. Roxanne Willey, Deputy Director, 911 Communications,** Re: Additional funding for purchase of CAD Upgrade. (Sales tax to come from E-911 Addressing fund balance).

Ms. Willey: "Good evening. Back in October of last year there was a resolution for the amount of \$276,000 for a 911 CAD upgrade. In that original request the taxes was left out, so I'm here asking for the additional funding for the 911 CAD upgrade which would be \$20, 267.84 to come out of the 911 fund balance."

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "What is the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "I've got a motion and a second. Are there any questions?"

Committee Member Callanan: "This is all paid out of the phone fees that we get..that everyone gets on their phone bills?"

Ms. Willey: "Yes sir"

Acting Chairman Pinckney: "Any additional discussion? All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No response) Motion carries"

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** additional funding for sales tax on the purchase of a CAD Upgrade in the amount of \$20,267.84 to come from the 911 fund balance. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the Committee on Justice & Public Safety meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended 7:11 pm.

June 14, 2010 Date Approved

## COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis, District No. 8

Members: Mr. Phillip Farley, District No. 1

Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, District No. 2 Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., District No. 3 Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, District No. 4 Mr. Dennis Fish, District No. 5

Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, District No. 6 Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7 Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Tuesday May 11, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., following other scheduled committee meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

## **AGENDA**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**April 12, 2010** 

- **A. Ms. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court,** Re: Parking at the Courthouse Complex.
- **B. Ms. Roxanne Willey, Deputy Director, 911 Communications,** Re: Additional funding for purchase of CAD Upgrade. (Sales tax to come from E-911 Addressing fund balance).

May 5, 2010 S/Barbara B. Austin, CCC Clerk of County Council